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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche November 17 to Pieter van der Vliet, Head of the MFA's UN and IFIs Political and Legal Affairs Division. Van der Vliet said that initial Dutch opposition to the resolution has weakened in the face of an evolving EU majority that looks set to support the resolution. Van der Vliet said at this point, the Dutch are likely to abstain. However, he noted, the GONL is still seeking textual revisions that would allow it to join the EU majority in favor.

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